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SUBJECT: EAST GERMAN ANXIETY OVER EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN CONFLICT

1. PARTY ORGAN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND (ND) OF 27 JULY REPORTS THE "ANXIETY" OF THE "SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE OF THE GDR" OVER THE RECENT MILITARY CONFLICT BETWEEN EGYPT AND LIBYA. WHILE NOT TAKING DEFINITE SIDES IN THE DISPUTE, ND REPORTS THAT THE OFFICIAL EGYPTIAN RATIONALE OF "TEACHING A LESSON" TO THE LIBYANS IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPAL OF NONUSE OF THREATS AND FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.
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THE SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE HAS ASKED PLO CHIEF YASSER ARAFAT AND ALGERIAN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENNE TO ATTEMPT TO BRING THE "WAR BETWEEN BROTHERS" TO A STOP.

2. AFTER TYPICAL REFERENCES TO US AND ISRAELI IMPERIALISM IN THE NEAR EAST, ND EXPRESSES THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE EAST GERMAN PEOPLE FOR THE

LIBYAN PEOPLE AND ITS REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIP IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT OF A SOCIALIST, PROGRESSIVE AND ANTI-IMPERIALIST STATE. THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE, ON THE CONTRARY, ARE MERELY GREETED ON THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR REVOLUTION AND WISHED SUCCESS IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST ISRAELI AGRESSION.

3. COMMENT: TO EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE DDR HAS TAKEN A PUBLIC POSITION ON THE EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN CONFLICT. WHILE LESS AUTHRORITATIVE THAN A DIRECT STATEMENT FROM A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN, THIS EXPRESSION OF CONCERN FROM THE SEMI-OFFICIAL SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE CAN BE TAKEN AS A GUARDED EXPRESSION OF THE VIEWS OF THE EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENT. END COMMENT. POLANSKY

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